submitted by Mr. Ittoop, son of Pulikottil Ittikuru, Kattakampal Village, on 29th Medam 1108 to the Tahsildar of Talappalli Taluk and state—

(a) whether he has stated therein that he was prepared to pay the land-tax due from him ;

(b) whether a copy of the order passed by the Tahsildar of Talappalli Taluk on the above petition be printed and placed on the table ?

(c) whether the petitioner was permitted to harvest the crop ; and

(d) by whom the crop was harvested ?

Mr K. Achyuta Menon.—The petition in original is placed on the table.

(a) Yes.

(b) No order was issued by the Tahsildar but the petitioner was told by the Tahsildar that orders were issued to the Parvathiam to harvest the crops if the party failed to pay up the entire kist and all incidental charges.

(c) Yes, after payment of the assessment and watching charges.

(d) By persons engaged by the Parvathiam.

Certificate—not fit for Vaccination.

283. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether a certificate from Thaikat Moosad was produced before a vaccinator at Irinjalakkuda stating that a boy was unfit for vaccination ;

(2) did the department of Public Health want that the certificate should be countersigned by the Irinjalakkuda Assistant Surgeon ;

(3) is it a fact that the boy was for some time under the treatment of the Assistant Surgeon who failed to cure the child and was taken to Moosad who succeeded in curing him ;

(4) is it he policy of the Government to accept only certificates from allopathic Doctors and not to accept those from recognised Ayurvedic Doctors ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) A certificate from Mr. Thaikat Mahan Moosad was produced before the Sanitary Inspector, Central Division, to state that a boy aged four years and a girl aged one year should not be vaccinated until they completed the age of five years.

(2) The party was informed that exemption will be granted provided she produces a certificate from a Medical Officer not below the rank of an Assistant Surgeon or one countersigned by the Chief Medical Officer.

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(3) The mother of the boy states that he was under the treatment of Dr. Ittoop, the Assistant Surgeon, at Irinjalakkuda, and he was afterwards placed under the treatment of Mr. Mahan Moosad.

(4) In the opinion of the Government, Ayurvedic Physicians are not competent to offer opinions on the results of the prophylactic treatment by vaccination which forms no part of the Ayurvedic System. Therefore certificates issued by Ayurvedic Physicians in this matter cannot generally be accepted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the condition of the children when the vaccinator approached the children for vaccination?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I regret I have not got the detailed report on that point.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long were these children under the treatment of the Assistant Surgeon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On that also the Government have no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the children improve when they were treated by the Assistant Surgeon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Those are all points with which the guardians of the children are concerned. The Government have nothing to do with that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What did the guardian tell the vaccinator when he approached them for vaccination?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not got the exact information. But the guardian has petitioned to the Government that these children might be exempted from vaccination saying that the girl was unwell and that she was under the treatment of the Assistant Surgeon for a fairly long time. As no perceptible improvement could be had, she had to go to the Ayurvedic Physician. He cured her and the Ayurvedic Physician has certified that the child should not risk fever hereafter.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So the Government admit that the children were very weak when the vaccinator approached them for vaccination?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not admit any of these things nor did they enquire into any of these things. The statements are very vague. There is a provision in the Regulation itself that a person shall be exempted from compulsory vaccination provided he produces a valid certificate. That certificate should give all the details. Unless we go by the strict language and conditions embodied in the rule it is not possible to go into the question whether the child was weak or not.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When a respectable Ayurvedic Physician says that a child is unfit for vaccination and if the Government were to vaccinate the child and something untoward happens will the Government hold themselves responsible for that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot answer that. The Regulation makes provision for all cases where exemption has to be granted and I think the Regulation is the last word on a subject like this. Unless one goes through all those regulations very carefully one cannot offer any answer to the question put by the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether it was mentioned in the petition that the children should not be vaccinated for a certain number of years or they should not be vaccinated at that time because they were suffering from disease at that time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If I remember aright the petition stated that in the opinion of the Ayurvedic Physician who treated the child that child should not risk fever for five years. I mean, until the child is five years old.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether it is the vaccinator at the spot who is to decide the fitness or otherwise of the child?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't remember the wording. The Hon'ble Member will read the Regulation and understand.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I have read the Regulation. I want further to know whether it is the vaccinator who is to decide the fitness of the child to be vaccinated?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— I could only refer the Member to the Regulation.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Does the Regulation say that the certificate should be granted by Allopathic Doctors or Government servants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— By competent certified Doctors.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Does competent certified Doctors include Ayurvedic Physicians?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— We have answered that question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government will be pleased in that particular instance to accept a certificate regarding the condition of the children from any Allopathic Doctor having the qualification of our Assistant Surgeons or do they insist upon the Government's Assistant Surgeon?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Without referring to the Regulation I cannot answer that question. There is a specific Regulation on the subject and unless one reads and understands the relevant sections of the Regulation I cannot give a correct or reliable answer to a question like this.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Is it the opinion of the Government that an Ayurvedic Physician is not competent to say whether a patient can stand the strain of vaccination and fever at a particular time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have given their answer in sub-division (4).

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—In view of the untoward incidents at Trippunittura, does the Government think that there is a necessity to alter the rules framed under the Regulation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not think that an amendment of the rule is necessary.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The rule is compulsory vaccination. Is it not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Cocoanut oil and copra export.

284. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) what is the quantity of cocoanut oil and copra exported from Cochin Port during the last 5 years showing the quantity for each year.

(b) of such quantity, how much went to other ports in India, Burmah, and how much elsewhere;

(c) what was the average selling price of cocoanut oil in Bombay, Calcutta and Rangoon for the last 5 years and what is the selling price now?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Statistics of export through the British Port of Cochin are not available here. It was however ascertained from the Chamber of Commerce, Cochin, that 1,50,607 cwts. of cocoanut oil were exported from Cochin during the twelve months ending 30th June 1933.

(b) and (c). Information on these points is not available.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Was the export of copra more or less in previous years? Have the Government any information?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We have no information.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have not the Government cared to enquire till now on this point?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We wrote to the Port Officer. The information supplied by him is given.

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